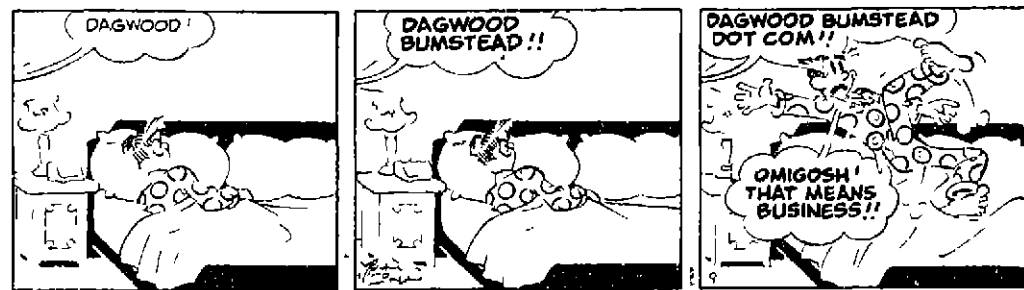
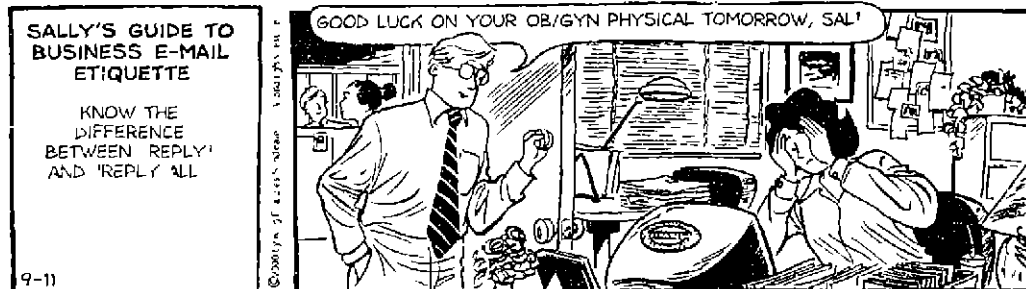


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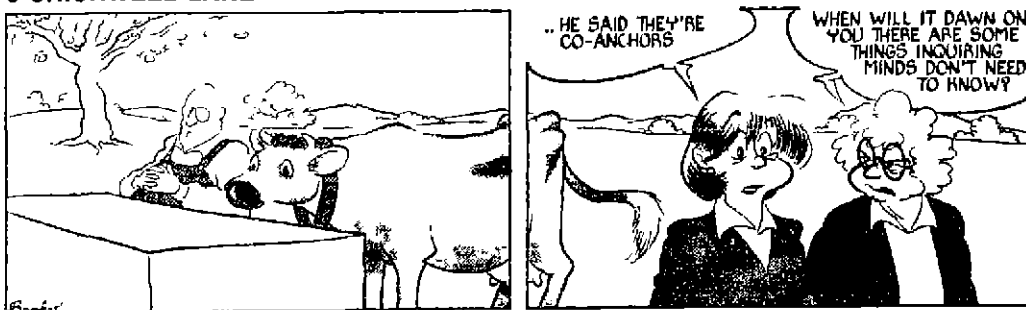
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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JUMP START



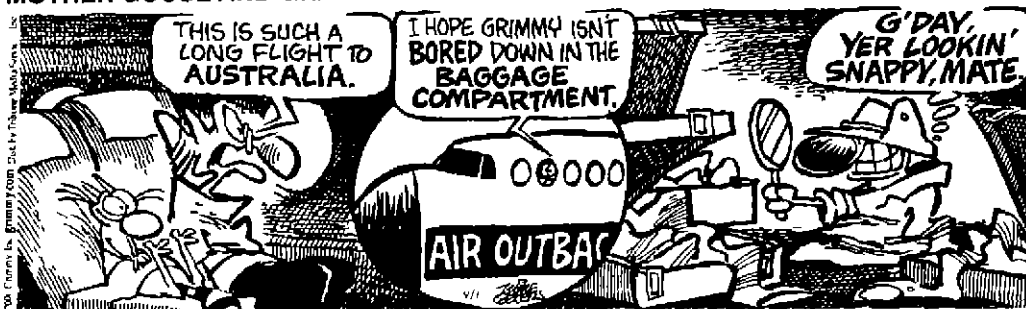
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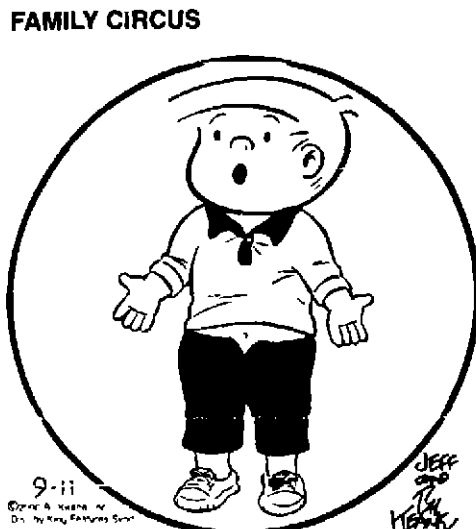
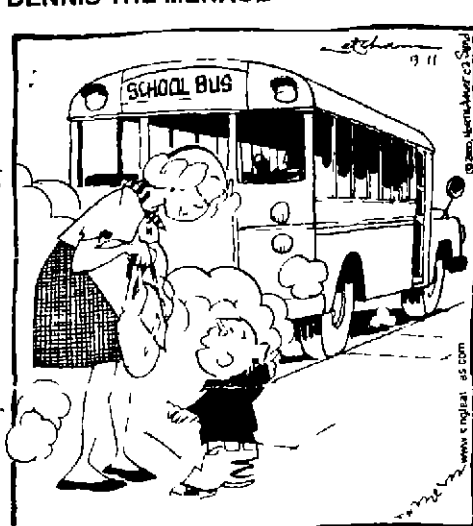
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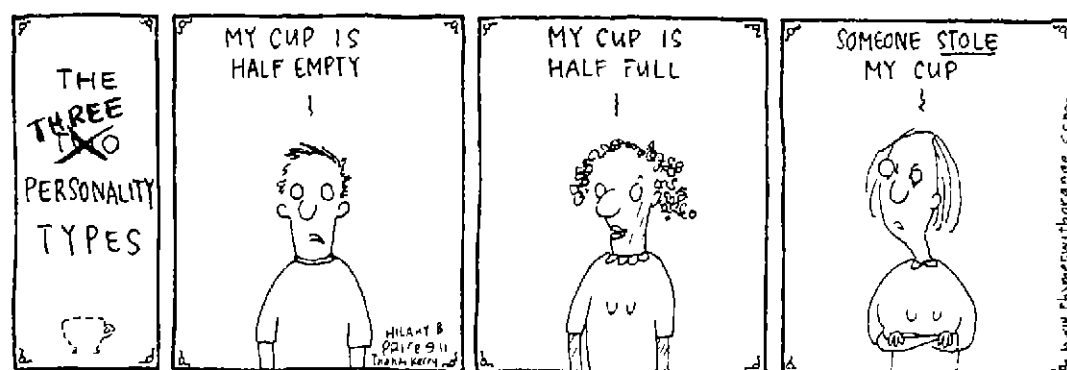
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DENNIS THE MENACE



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

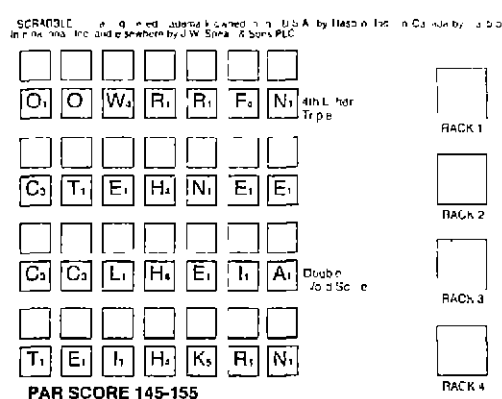
Country singer and former Louisiana governor Jimmie Davis is 101
Actress Betsy Drake is 77
Actor Earl Holliman is 72
Movie director Brian De Palma is 60
Rock musician Mickey Hart (The Grateful Dead) is 57
Singer-musician Leo Kottke is 55
Actor Reed Birney is 46
Musician Jon Moss (Culture Club) is 43
Rock musician Mick Talbot (The Style Council) is 42
Actress Kristy McNichol is 38

I NEED HELP



Apartment hunting in Manhattan.

SCRABBLE



DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using the grid. Each letter has a point value. All Judd's words are in the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (1975) or Webster's 2nd O.S.W. Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 9-12-00. Judd's Solution: 2000 Judd's Solution: 2000

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WORD SLEUTH

—CENTER

N D A X C V S Q N K I F D A G
X V R T Q O I O M J H F C N A
Y W E L U R N P N L L J I H F
D B C I Z E D T X A V P T R Q
O T R A D E U L R M P K I H F
D N E R V E S U A O B Z Y W V
E C A P S T T R H C L Q O N L
K G T I H L R S F C I V I C D
N O I T U B I R T S I D C A Z
X W O C D N A M M O C V E U S
R Q N A T I L O P O R T E M O

Saturday's unlisted clue: FIREFLY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hint: LOOKING FOR BARGAINS

Art	Cultural	Medical	Recreation
Civic	Distribution	Norm	Abbr
Command	Garden	Nerve	Space
Control	Industrial	Rail	Trade

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For solution, see Classified

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Put off new projects for another day. Complete old tasks and tie up loose ends.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A quick response may not be the best answer, so make sure you have all the facts.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have to prove the merit of your ideas to an authority figure.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your emotions will come full circle, so expect the pendulum to swing between sheer pleasure and utter disgust.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) People aren't going to be completely honest with you, so it will be your job to get in touch with the subtle nuances of their true intentions.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You'll be trusted with a secret, and you must fight the temptation to spread it around.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Making an effort is what will bring your rewards, not necessarily the end results of a given project.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Plan a party and invite everyone you know, despite any other setbacks.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You need a boost to get your ideas off the ground and someone else to implement your dreams.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Those who play into your sense of compassion will really get under your skin.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Brainstorming is great, but you need to take action toward making ideas real.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) By default, you have become the leader and the hub of a new project.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

We'd be playing the next rubber had one of the finesses worked, groused a disappointed South. Why trust finesses? asked an equally disappointed North. "Potential over-tricks are never worth the value of a lost rubber," Dummy's diamond king won, and South took the first of his ill-fated finesses. He led a heart to his jack losing to West's queen. West continued passively with a second diamond and South overtook dummy's jack to try another finesse. This time, he passed his spade queen to East's king. With no time left to continue a passive defense, East shifted to a club. South's third finesse lost to West's club jack, and the defenders took two more clubs to win five tricks. How does South clinch the game? He should overtake dummy's diamond honor at trick one to take an immediate spade finesse, willing to lose to the king. (He might even lead a low spade from dummy!) After East takes his king, South cannot lose his game. He is assured of three spades, two hearts and four diamonds to guarantee nine winners. Finesses can be very tempting. The best antidote is to pause at trick one to count one sure winner. Then unless a finesse is absolutely necessary (or completely safe), take the most direct route to winning the tricks required to make your contract.

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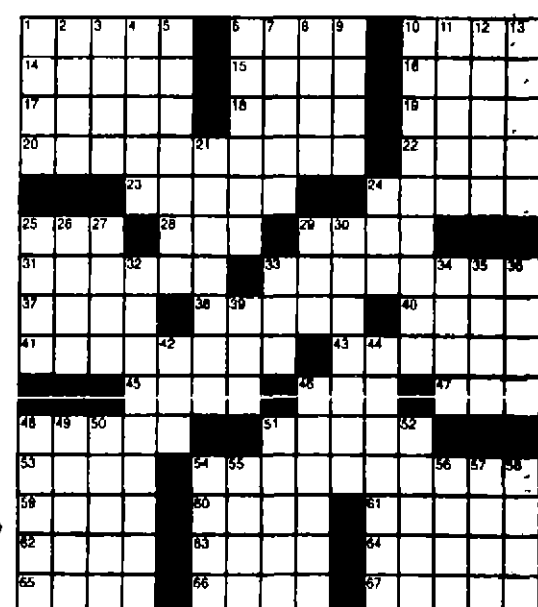
- What an umbrella may provide
- Moolah
- Mama's partner
- Dead, as an engine
- Galloping girlfriend
- Appliance with a cord and a board
- Hole—
- Head-butts
- Former Speaker
- Gingrich
- Office fasteners
- "Trick" joint
- Symbol of slowness
- Some Romanovs
- Stir-fry pan
- Former Detroit auto units
- Belgian composer Jacques
- Safe to eat
- Not rigid
- Gauche's weapon
- Neighbor of Egypt
- Docking spot
- Vegetable with a head
- Went ape
- "Kiss Me, ___"
- Norm Abbr
- Opposite of NOW
- Embezzlement, e.g.
- Battery terminal
- Rock's partner
- They're seen in air traffic control towers
- Nay sayer
- Dinner from a bucket
- Foil maker
- Chicken site
- "Psycho" actress Miles
- Members of a panda
- Sea eagles
- Locked (up)
- Raises some interest?

DOWN

- Pass over
- Czech tennis ace Mandlikova
- Each
- Sand drifts
- Unending
- Scamp; seasoning
- Memo from a dot com, maybe
- Not having much body
- Actress Harper
- Fires
- "Gladator" setting
- Major nation
- Pays to play
- King Arthur's home
- Gore— (fabric)
- "Dragnet" star
- What the nose knows
- Prefix with hertz
- Round the-world traveler
- Nehru
- One with a lot to offer?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CHOKEDUP ESCAPE
HAYEDONE STABLE
ONELINER PULSAR
TSS TASS CLOY
CODA SCORECARDS
EMOTE ONETO BOO
OVA ABO LEWD
CHINESELANTEARS
TINE HUE SAG
ELS SERFS NOWAD
SLEEPSOFAS SEMI
SAME ECHO DOS
BISNET CHEAPIES
ADONIS TESTTUBE
SENDEE STAYSMAD



Puzzle by Marjorie Berg

- Reverse springs
- J. Edgar Hoover's org
- Computer units
- Hawaiian neckwear
- One-named Art Deco designer
- de France
- Jazz fan
- Eccentric
- Speak sharply to
- Not do original drawings
- "Employee of the Month" e.g.
- Pop-rocker John
- Deck out
- Da do matnarch Miss
- Invitation request
- Toward shelter
- Computer image
- Frog's home
- Beck talk

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